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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-PHILIPPINE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. DFA INFORMS US IT REPLIED TO OUR MAY 8 NOTE VERBALE PROPOSING FORMAL CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS STARTING IN WASHINGTON JUNE 26 BY NOTE DATED MAY 11, 1978, WHICH EVIDENTLY EMBASSY HAS NOT YET RECEIVED. IN ANY CASE, MESSAGE WAS THAT NATIONAL PHILIPPINE AVIATION POLICY CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND ALL AIR NEGOTIATIONS IN ABEYANCE. THEREFORE, DFA UNABLE GIVE US DEFINITIVE REPLY.

2. WE HAVE ALSO TOUCHED BASE WITH PACIFICO AGCAOILI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PHILIPPINE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD, WHO TOLD US HE EXPECTED NEW AVIATION POLICY TO EMERGE FROM PRESIDENT'S OFFICE FIRST OR SECOND WEEK OF JUNE, AND HOPED THEREFORE THAT GOP WOULD THEN BE IN POSITION TO ACCEPT JUNE 26 DATE IN WASHINGTON.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF GLACIAL SPEED WITH WHICH EVENTS OFTEN MOVE IN THIS TROPICAL CLIMATE, WE WOULD NOT BE OVERLY SANGUINE ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF GOP MAKING JUNE 26 DATE IN WASHINGTON. WE WILL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO MONI-

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TOR CLOSELY AND REPORT PROMPTLY AS SOON AS WE HAVE SOMETHING DEFINITIVE FROM PHILIPPINE SIDE. TOUSSAINT

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